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Mr. Robert Amory
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Amory:

We are very happy to hear from Mr. Allen Dulles that you are willing to be the guest of our Sunday Breakfast Club, on Wednesday evening, April 2, 1958.

Let me tell you something of the background of the club. The Sunday Breakfast Club was formed about 25 years ago at the bottom of the Depression by three or four of us Philadelphians who wished to have the business and professional community understand better the great issues of national, industrial and international policy that confronted this country. It was formed as a Depression child but the contribution that it made to the intellectual life of the leaders of this community was so much appreciated that it has continued now for over a quarter of a century. You may get some idea of the quality of the persons who compose the membership from the following:

1. President of the University of Pennsylvania
2. President of Temple University
3. President of Swarthmore College
4. President of Haverford College
5. President of the Federal Reserve Bank
6. President of the Reading Railroad
7. Chairman of the Board of Provident Mutual Life Insurance Company
8. Chairman of the Board of the Curtis Publishing Company
9. President of the Bell Telephone Company of Pennsylvania
10. Executive Vice President of the duPont Company
11. President of the Philadelphia Electric Company

etc., etc.

There is a long waiting list of those who wish to become members but the membership is held down to a group which will make it an informal meeting. Meetings are "off the record." No publicity has ever been given to a meeting. No speech is ever quoted outside. I know of no better means of meeting informally (usually attendance is 60 to 75) the most influential people within this city.

Something of the temper of the club may be gained from a mention of the names of some of the people who have spoken: Sir Oliver Franks, Former Ambassador of Britain to the United States, Chairman of the Board of Lloyds Bank in London; Philip Mosely, Council on Foreign Relations; George Kennan, formerly of the State Department; T. V. Houser, Chairman of the Board of Sears Roebuck and Company;

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Dr. Arthur F. Burns, President of the National Bureau of Economic Research, formerly Chairman of the President's Committee of Economic Advisers; Arnold Toynbee, Royal Institute of International Affairs (forthcoming meeting).

We would like very much to have you speak on "The Intentions of Soviet Russia." The title is deliberately made general so you can talk on the things you feel are important. As I indicated above, there will be no one present to quote you,- it will be a strictly "off the record" session. You can be sure of a very attentive audience of about 75 persons.

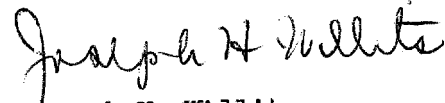
The Sunday Breakfast Club meets at the Mid-Day Club at 5:30 p.m. The Mid-Day Club is on the 28th floor of the Fidelity-Philadelphia Building, Broad and Sansom Streets. The speaker for the evening takes from 45 minutes to an hour. Discussion continues for a half-hour to 45 minutes. Adjournment comes at 8:30 p.m. This means that it will be possible for you to catch a plane or train back to Washington that night. If you should change your mind and wish to stay overnight, please let us know.

The Club pays expenses and an honorarium of \$400. I understand that you wish this to go to one of the welfare funds of concern to the CIA or to you personally.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Mr. Donald Rubel, Executive Secretary of the Sunday Breakfast Club since he handles the business arrangements.

I am looking forward keenly to your being with us.

Sincerely yours,


Joseph H. Willits

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cc. Mr. Donald Rubel